G-5's "Eye on AMC"

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## AMC's personnel office spreads cheer to wounded soldiers

AMC's office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (G-1) welcomed six wounded soldiers and their families to its annual holiday luncheon Dec. 18. The visit was part of Operation Atlas, an outreach program for soldiers in Walter Reed Medical Center recovering from injuries sustained in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The personnel office assembled gift bags for each soldier which included disposable cameras and phone cards from AAFES; mugs and other promotional items from morale, welfare and recreation; calendars and memo pads from the USO; candy; and other items. Melinda Darby, deputy chief of staff (G-1), also gave each soldier a G-1 coin and thanked them for their service to our nation.

"This was a wonderful celebration and we thoroughly enjoying having these soldiers with us. They are a visible reminder of the many sacrifices our troops make to help keep our country free," said Sgt. Maj. Khadijah Sellers.

## USASAC visits Walter Reed

AMC's Security Assistance Command visited Walter Reed Medical Center in November to deliver donations to the Red Cross station manager. Maj. Gen. Craig Hackett, commander, and 14 staff members personally delivered all the goods, which included clothes, phone cards, books, magazines, snacks and suitcases. USASAC continues to get donations and plans to visit again before the holidays.

## Volunteers in Kuwait

*AMC personnel tell their story*

**Denise Wise**

"This has been the most exciting time of my life. I have learned so much about the Army Field Support Command mission—things you'll never learn from your desk at Rock Island."

That's how Denise Wise summed up her experience to date while working in the communications office at Combat Equipment Battalion-Kuwait at Camp Arifjan.  Wise arrived in Kuwait at the end of September for a 90-day tour of duty. At Rock Island, she works in the Army Prepositioned Stocks office. As an automation programmer, she thought her deployed mission would include maintaining an established network for CEB-KU. What she found was a job that required her to work in almost every aspect of communications and automation—except programming.

"At first I was in culture shock. The size of my mission frightened me. But, I quickly got into the groove," she said.

Her biggest effort was to migrate CEB-KU from a contingency communications system to the permanent Camp Arifjan domain. She has worked telephones, work group management, and wireless networking. "Having to do all these tasks, and succeeding, has taught me more about myself than I ever knew. It expanded my comfort zone and now I know I can jump out of it at any moment."

Wise said that she quickly got used to work in Kuwait. "Someone told me that anything you do for 21 days becomes habit. This did not take nearly that long."

**Sam Davis**

"I can do the best good right here."

That's how Sam Davis explains why he volunteered for a second and then a third 180-day deployment to work for the TACOM Forward Repair Activity at AMC Logistics Support Element-Southwest Asia at Camp Arifjan. At Anniston Army Depot, Anniston, Ala., Davis identifies and classifies parts to determine their condition code and if items are repairable or should be marked for disposal. In Kuwait, he works at the other end of the parts process by ordering, receiving, storing, and issuing parts for the FRA.

The TACOM FRA in Kuwait performs depot-level repair on engines and other components. They also do fabrication, welding, and repair of shipping containers. In addition, some personnel from the FRA have deployed to Camp Anaconda, Iraq, to work in a HMMWV Service Center. Davis leads the section that acquires all the parts needed to complete the repairs and services.

Knowing Davis' success with getting the parts process in place does not explain why he would volunteer for a second tour in Kuwait. Simply put, Davis believes he is more needed in Iraq to support those soldiers. "Not that what I do at home is not important, but right now it is more important to be here. If I can get the